matching shares utilization certificates and progress reports submitted by the State Government etc.

(b) The Tribal population to be covered under different Schemes under the Tribal sub-plan in the State of Madhya Pradesh will depend under the Tribal sub-plan in the different Schemes as mentioned in reply to part (a) of the Question. However, the tentative target under Point 11(b) of the 20 Point Programme for providing economic assistance to Scheduled Tribe families during the current financial year is 2,45,000.

Closure of blind school

6715. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to avoid the closure of the blind school at Gurgaon for the want of grant-in-aid; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme of 'Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Establishment of Special Schools, the Ministry of Welfare has released grant-in-aid of Rs. 72,173/- (Rs. 12,458/- (recurring) Rs. 59,715/- (non-recurring) to the organisation. All India Confederation of the Blind', Gurgaon for running a Special School for the Blind.

Setting of National Institute of rehabilitation training and resarch

6716. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of National Institutes of Rehabilitation Training and Research set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether the employees of these institutes are entitled to get pension, GPF and other benefits;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not getting these facilities at Olatpur, Orissa; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to get these facilities equally?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research does not have any branch.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The issue of GPF-cum-Pension has been resolved and it has been decided that the Institute (NIRTAR) may adopt the GPF-cum-Pension Scheme as applicable to the Central Government Employees provided one of the following options is satisfied;

(i) An adequate corpus is created based on acturial calculations,

(ii) To approach LIC for a suitable annuity scheme; and

(iii) To joint the EPFO pension scheme.